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No. 404-C/54.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 118 of the Constitution of India, the Speaker of the House of the People hereby makes the following further amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House of the People, published under Notifications No. 113-C/52, dated the 17th April, 1952, No. 136-C/52, dated the 14th July, 1952, No. 290-C/53, dated the 19th May, 1953, and No. 290-C/53, dated the 3rd October, 1953, in the *Gazette of India Extraordinary*, Part-I, Section 1 of the 17th April and the 16th July, 1952 and the 30th May and the 3rd October, 1953, namely:—

Amendments

1. Rule 3.—To rule 3 the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that if a session is called at short notice or emergently an announcement of the date and place of the session shall be published in the Gazette and made in the press and summons may not be issued by the Secretary to each member separately but each member may be informed by telegram.”

2. Rule 25.—In the second proviso to sub-rule (2) of rule 25, for the words “the Committee on Private Members’ Bills” the words “The Committee on Private Members’ Bills and Resolutions” shall be substituted.

3. Heading above rule 37A.—In the heading above rule 37A, after the word “Bills” the words “and Resolutions” shall be inserted.

4. *Rule 37A.*—(i) In the marginal heading to rule 37A, for the words “Committee on Private Members’ Bills” the words “Committee on Private Members’ Bills and Resolutions” shall be substituted.

(ii) In sub-rule (1) of rule 37A, for the words “Committee on Private Members’ Bills” the words “Committee on Private Members’ Bills and Resolutions” shall be substituted.

(iii) In sub-rule (1) of rule 37A, for the word “ten” the word “fifteen” shall be substituted.

5. *Rule 37C.*—In rule 37C, for the word “four” the word “five” shall be substituted.

6. *Rule 37E.*—(1) After clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of rule 37E the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(e) to recommend time-limit for the discussion of private members’ resolutions and other ancillary matters.”

(2) In sub-rule (2) of rule 37E, after the words “private members’ Bill” the words “and resolution” shall be inserted.

7. *Rule 47.*—After clause (xxii) of sub-rule (2) of rule 47, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxiii) It shall not ordinarily ask about matters pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any Commission or Court of Enquiry appointed to enquire into or investigate any matter but may refer to matters concerned with procedure or subject or stage of enquiry, if it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of the matter by the Tribunal or Commission or Court of Enquiry.”

8. *Rule 57.*—(1) After sub-rule (2) of rule 57, the following sub-rule shall be inserted and the subsequent sub-rules renumbered accordingly:

“(3) If the Minister is unable to answer the question at short notice and the Speaker is of opinion that the question is of sufficient public importance to be orally answered in the House, he may direct that the question be placed as the first question in the list of questions for the day on which it would be due for answer under rule 39:

Provided that not more than one such question shall be accorded first priority in the list of questions for any one day.”

(2) After sub-rule (3) of rule 57, as so inserted, the following sub-rule shall be inserted as sub-rule (4) and the subsequent sub-rules renumbered accordingly:

“(4) Where two or more members give short notice questions on the same subject and one of the questions is accepted for answer at short notice,

the names of the other members shall be bracketed with the name of the member whose question has been accepted for answer:

Provided that the Speaker may direct that all the notices be consolidated into a single notice if in his opinion it is desirable to have a single self-contained question covering all the important points raised by members and the Minister shall then give his reply to the consolidated question:

Provided further that in the case of a consolidated question the names of all the members concerned may be bracketed and shown against the question in the order of priority of their notice."

(3) To sub-rule (6) of rule 57 as so renumbered, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that when a question is shown in the names of more than one member, the Speaker shall call the name of the first member or in his absence any other name."

9. Rule 57B.—After rule 57A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"57B. Where a reference is made to a member in connection with the notice of a question and no reply is received or a reply is received from him too late for the consideration of the Speaker and the inclusion of the question, if admitted, in the list of questions for an appropriate date, such notice shall be deemed to have lapsed."

Lapse of pending Questions referred to Members.

10. Rule 59.—(1) For sub-rule (1) of rule 59, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) The Speaker shall allot half-an-hour for raising discussion on a matter of sufficient public importance which has been the subject of a recent question, oral or written, and the answer to which needs elucidation on a matter of fact."

(2) To sub-rule (5) of rule 59, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that, if the member who has given notice is absent, any member who has supported the notice may, with the permission of the Speaker, initiate the discussion."

11. Rules 59A to 59D.—The existing rules 59A to 59D under Chapter VIIIA shall be inserted as rules 178A to 178D, under a new Chapter XIIA and the subsequent rules re-numbered accordingly.

12. Rule 62A.—After rule 62, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"62A. No motion which seeks to raise discussion on a matter pending before any statutory tribunal

Motion for discussion on matters before Tribunals, etc.

or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any Commission or Court of Enquiry appointed to enquire into or investigate any matter shall ordinarily be permitted to be moved:

Provided that the Speaker may in his discretion allow such matter being raised in the House as is concerned with the procedure or subject or stage of enquiry if the Speaker is satisfied that it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of such matter by the Tribunal or Commission or Court of Enquiry."

13. *Rule 68A.*—After rule 68, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

Introduc-
tion of Bill
dependent on
another Bill
pending be-
fore the
House.

"68A. A Bill, which is dependent wholly or partly upon another Bill pending before the House, may be introduced in the House in anticipation of the passing of the Bill on which it is dependent:

Provided that the second Bill shall be taken up for consideration and passing in the House only after the first Bill has been passed by the Houses and assented to by the President."

14. *Rule 75.*—In rule 75—

- (i) in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) both the provisos shall be omitted; and
- (ii) to sub-rule (2) the following provisos shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that if an amendment or a motion for appointment of a Select Committee or a Joint Committee has been moved under this sub-rule, any member may move that the House give instructions to the Select Committee or to the Joint Committee to which the Bill has been referred to make some particular or additional provision in the Bill and if necessary or convenient to consider and report on amendments which may be proposed to the original Act which the Bill seeks to amend:

Provided further that no amendment or a motion for appointment of a Joint Committee under this sub-rule shall be moved with reference to a Bill making provision for any of the matters specified in sub-clauses (a) to (f) of clause (1) of Article 110 of the Constitution."

15. *Rule 101.*—To rule 101, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that no previous sanction or recommendation of the President shall be required, if an

amendment seeks to—

- (a) abolish or reduce the limits of the tax proposed in the Bill or an amendment, or
- (b) increase such tax up to the limits of an existing tax."

16. *Rule 105.*—The following shall be inserted as sub-rule (2) of rule 105 and the existing rule shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (1) thereof namely:—

"(2) The Speaker may, if he thinks fit, put as one question similar amendments to a clause:

Provided that if a member requests that any amendment be put separately, the Speaker shall put that amendment separately."

17. *Rule 108.*—The following shall be inserted as sub-rule (2) of rule 108, and the existing rule shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (1) thereof namely:—

"(2) The Speaker may, if he thinks fit, put as one question group of clauses to which no amendments have been moved:

Provided that if a member requests that any clause be put separately, the Speaker shall put that clause separately."

18. *Rule 110.*—To rule 110, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that the Speaker may allow the Schedule or Schedules, if any, being considered before the clauses are disposed of or along with a clause or otherwise as he may think fit."

19. *Rule 115A.*—After rule 115, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"115A. If a Bill other than a Money Bill passed by the House and transmitted to the Council is passed by the Council without amendment the message received from the Council to that effect shall be reported by the Secretary to the House."

Message re:
Bills other
than Money
Bills origina-
ting in the
House and
passed by
the Council.

20. *Heading above rule 116.*—The words "with amendment" appearing in the heading to section 1(g) of Chapter X shall be deleted.

21. *Rule 120A.*—After rule 120, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"120A. If a Money Bill passed by the House and transmitted to the Council is returned to the House without recommendation the message to that effect shall be reported to the House by the Secretary and the Bill shall be presented to the President for his assent."

Money Bills
returned by
the Council.

22. *Heading above rule 121.*—The words “with recommendation” appearing in the heading to section 1(h) of Chapter X shall be deleted.

23. *Rules 126 to 137A.*—Rules 126 to 137A shall be omitted and the subsequent rules shall be re-numbered accordingly.

24. *Rule 141.*—(1) The following shall be inserted as sub-rule (2) of rule 141 and the existing rule shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (1) thereof namely:—

“(2) A Bill pending before the House shall also be removed from the Register of Bills pending in the House in case a Bill substantially identical is passed by the House.”

(2) To rule 141 the following *Explanation* shall be added, namely:—

“*Explanation.*—A Bill pending before the House shall include—

- (i) a Bill introduced in the House which does not fall within the categories of Bills mentioned in this rule or rule 141A;
- (ii) a Bill transmitted to the Council and returned by the Council with amendment, or recommendation, as the case may be, and laid on the Table under rule 116 or 121;
- (iii) a Bill originating in the Council and transmitted to the House and laid on the Table under rule 142 or 150; and
- (iv) a Bill returned by the President with a message under Article 111 of the Constitution.”

25. *Rule 141A.*—Clause (c) of rule 141A shall be omitted.

26. *Rules 157F to 157W.*—After rule 157E the following shall be inserted as rules 157F to 157W under a new Chapter XB, namely:—

“CHAPTER XB

PETITIONS AND COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(a) *Petitions*

Scope of petitions. 157F. Subject to the provisions of these rules petitions may be presented or submitted with the consent of the Speaker on—

- (i) a Bill which has been published under rule 67 or which has been introduced in the House;
- (ii) any matter connected with the business pending before the House; and

(iii) any matter of general public interest provided that it is not one:—

- (a) which falls within the cognizance of a Court of Law having jurisdiction in any part of India or a Court of Enquiry or a statutory tribunal or authority or a quasi-judicial body or a Commission;
- (b) which should ordinarily be raised in a State Legislature;
- (c) which can be raised on a substantive motion or resolution; or
- (d) for which remedy is available under the law, including rules, regulations, bye-laws made by the Central Government or an authority to whom power to make such rules, regulations, etc. is delegated.

157G. (1) The general form of petition set out in the First Schedule, with such variations as the circumstances of each case require, may be used, and, if used, shall be sufficient. General form of a petition.

(2) Every petition shall be couched in respectful, decorous and temperate language.

(3) Every petition shall be either in Hindi or in English language only. If any petition in any other Indian language is made, it shall be accompanied by a translation either in Hindi or in English, and signed by the petitioner.

157H. The full name and address of every signatory to a petition shall be set out therein and shall be authenticated by the signatory, if literate by his signature, and if illiterate by his thumb impression. Authentication of signatories to a petition.

157I. Letters, affidavits or other documents shall not be attached to any petition. Documents not attached with petitions.

157J. (1) Every petition shall, if presented by a member, be countersigned by him. If a petition is made in any Indian language other than Hindi or English, its translation in Hindi or English shall also be countersigned by the member presenting it. Counter-signature.

(2) A member shall not present a petition from himself.

157K. Every petition shall be addressed to the House and shall conclude with a prayer reciting the definite object of the petitioner in regard to the matter to which it relates. Petition to whom to be addressed and how to be concluded.

157L. A member shall give advance intimation to the Secretary of his intention to present a petition. Notice of presentation.

157M. A petition may be presented by a member or be forwarded to the Secretary, in which latter case the fact shall be reported by him to the House, and no debate shall be permitted on the presentation or the making of Presentation of a petition.

such report. The report shall be made in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

Form of
petition.

157N. A member presenting a petition shall confine himself to a statement in the following form:—

"I present a petition signed by.....
petitioner(s) regarding"

and no debate shall be permitted on this statement.

(b) *Committee on Petitions*

Constitution
of Commit-
tee on
Petitions.

157P. (1) At the commencement of the House, or from time to time as the case may be, the Speaker shall nominate a Committee on Petitions consisting of not less than fifteen members.

(2) A Committee nominated under sub-rule (1) shall hold office until a new Committee is nominated.

(3) The Speaker may, if he thinks fit, discharge a member from the Committee, if such member is absent from two or more consecutive meetings thereof, without the permission of the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) Casual vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by the Speaker and any member nominated to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for the period for which the member in whose place he is nominated would under the provisions of sub-rule (2) have held office.

Chairman of
Committee
on Petitions.

157Q. (1) The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker from amongst the members of the Committee:

Provided that if the Deputy Speaker is a member of the Committee he shall be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

(2) If the Chairman of the Committee is for any reason unable to act, the Speaker may similarly appoint another Chairman of the Committee in his place.

(3) If the Chairman of the Committee is absent from any meeting, the Committee shall choose another member of the Committee to act as Chairman of the Committee for that meeting.

Quorum of
Committee.

157R. In order to constitute a sitting of the Committee the quorum shall be five.

Reference to
Committee.

157S. Every petition after presentation by a member or report by the Secretary, as the case may be, shall be referred to the Committee.

Functions
of the
Committee.

157T. (1) The Committee shall examine every petition referred to it, and if the petition complies with these rules, the Committee may direct that it be circulated. Where circulation of the petition has not been directed, the Speaker may at any time direct that the petition be circulated.

(2) Circulation of the petition shall be *in extenso* or of a summary thereof as the Committee, or the Speaker, as the case may be, may direct.

(3) It shall also be the duty of the Committee to report to the House on specific complaints made in the Petition and referred to it after taking such evidence as it deems fit and to suggest remedial measures either in a concrete form applicable to the case under review or to prevent such cases in future.

157U. (1) The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons or the production of papers or records, if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties:

Evidence
before
Committee
on Petitions.

Provided that if any question arises whether the evidence of a person or the production of a document is relevant for the purposes of the Committee the question shall be referred to the Speaker whose decision shall be final:

Provided further that Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this rule, a witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Chairman of the Committee, and shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.

(3) It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.

(4) No document submitted to the Committee shall be withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee.

157V. The Report of the Committee shall be signed and presented to the House by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Committee:

Presentation
of Report of
the Com-
mittee.

Provided that in case the Chairman is absent or is not readily available the Committee shall choose another member to sign and to present the report on behalf of the Committee.

157W. In other respects, the rules applicable to a Parliamentary Committee provided for in Chapter XX of these rules shall apply."

Provisions
applicable in
other res-
pects.

27. Rule 162A.—After rule 162, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"162A. No resolution which seeks to raise discussion on a matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any Commission or Court of Enquiry appointed to enquire into or investigate any matter shall ordinarily be permitted to be moved:

Resolution
for raising
discussion
on matters
before
Tribunals
etc.

Provided that the Speaker may, in his discretion, allow such matter being raised in the House as is concerned with the procedure or subject or

stage of enquiry, if the Speaker is satisfied that it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of such matter by the Tribunal or Commission or Court of Enquiry."

28. *Rule 174A*.—After rule 174, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

Motion for raising discussion on matters before Tribunals, Commissions etc.

"174A. No motion which seeks to raise discussion on a matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any Commission or Court of Enquiry appointed to enquire into or investigate any matter shall ordinarily be permitted to be moved:

Provided that the Speaker may, in his discretion, allow such matter being raised in the House as is concerned with the procedure or subject or stage of enquiry if the Speaker is satisfied that it is not likely to prejudice the consideration of such matter by the Tribunal or Commission or Court of Enquiry."

29. *Rule 178E*.—After rule 178D, as so inserted as per item 11 of this notification, the following rule shall be inserted under a new Chapter XII B, namely:—

"CHAPTER XII B

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Calling attention to matters of urgent public importance.

178E. (1) A member may, with the previous permission of the Speaker, call the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance and the Minister may make a brief statement or ask for time to make a statement at a later hour or date.

(2) There shall be no debate on such statement at the time it is made.

(3) Not more than one such matter shall be raised at the same sitting.

(4) In the event of more than one matter being presented for the same day, priority shall be given to the matter which, in the opinion of the Speaker, is more urgent and important.

(5) The proposed matter shall be raised after the questions and before the list of business is entered upon and at no other time during the sitting of the House."

30. *Rule 179*.—After sub-rule (2) of rule 179, the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"(3) If leave is granted under sub-rule (2) the Speaker may, after considering the state of business in the House, allot a day or days or part of a day for the discussion of the motion.

- (4) The Speaker shall, at the appointed hour on the allotted day or, as the case may be, the last of the allotted days forthwith put every question necessary to determine the decision of the House on the motion.
- (5) The Speaker may, if he thinks fit, prescribe a time limit for speeches."

31. *Rules 180A to 180D.*—After rule 180, the following rules shall be inserted under a new Chapter XIII A, namely:—

"CHAPTER XIII A

RESOLUTION FOR REMOVAL OF SPEAKER OR DEPUTY SPEAKER FROM OFFICE.

180A. (1) A member wishing to give notice of a resolution under clause (c) of Article 94 of the Constitution, for the removal of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall do so in writing to the Secretary.

Notice of a resolution for removal of Speaker or Dy. Speaker.

(2) On receipt of a notice under sub-rule (1) a motion for leave to move the resolution shall be entered in the list of business in the name of the member concerned, on a day fixed by the Speaker, provided that the day so fixed shall be any day after fourteen days from the date of the receipt of notice of the resolution.

180B. (1) Subject to the provisions of Article 96 of the Constitution, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker or such other person as is referred to in clause (2) of Article 95 of the Constitution shall preside when a motion under sub-rule (2) of rule 180A is taken up for consideration.

Leave of the House taken on the resolution.

(2) The member in whose name the motion stands on the list of business shall, except when he wishes to withdraw it, move the motion when called upon to do so but no speech shall be permitted at this stage.

(3) The Speaker or the Deputy Speaker or the person presiding as the case may be, shall, thereupon, place the motion before the House and shall request those members who are in favour of leave being granted to rise in their places. If not less than fifty members rise accordingly, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, or the person presiding as the case may be, shall say that leave has been granted and that the resolution will be taken up on such day, not being more than ten days from the date on which leave is asked for, as he may appoint. If less than fifty members rise, the Speaker shall inform the member that he has not the leave of the House.

180C. On the appointed day the resolution shall be included in the list of business to be taken up after the question hour and before any other business for the day is entered upon.

Resolution included in the list of business on the appointed day.

Time limit
for speeches.

180D. Except with the permission of the Speaker or the person presiding a speech on the resolution shall not exceed fifteen minutes in duration:

Provided that the mover of the resolution when moving the same may speak for such longer time as the Speaker or the person presiding may permit."

32. *Rule 193.*—After sub-rule (4) of rule 193, the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:—

"(5) On a motion that the Finance Bill be taken into consideration, a member may discuss matters relating to general administration, local grievances within the sphere of the responsibility of Central Government or monetary or financial policy of Government.

(6) In other respects the rules applicable to Bills in Chapter X of these rules shall apply."

33. *Rule 203.*—For rule 203, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Consideration by the House or reference to the Committee of Privileges of question of privilege to which leave is granted.

"203. If leave under rule 202 is granted the House may consider the question and come to a decision or refer it to a Committee of Privileges on a motion made either by the member who has raised the question of privilege or by any other member of the House."

34. *Rule 216.*—In sub-rule (1) of rule 216, for the word "ten" the word "fifteen" shall be substituted.

35. *Rule 218.*—In rule 218, for the word "four", the word "five" shall be substituted.

36. *Rule 226C.*—In rule 226C, for the word "six", the word "fifteen" shall be substituted.

37. *Rule 226E.*—In rule 226E, for the word "three" the word "five" shall be substituted.

38. *Rules 229A to 229K.*—After rule 229 the following rules shall be inserted as rules 229A to 229K under a new Chapter XVII A namely:—

"CHAPTER XVII A

COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

229A. (1) There shall be a Committee on "Absence of Members from the sittings of the House" consisting of not more than fifteen members.

Constitution of the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker and shall hold office for one year.

(3) The Speaker may discharge a member from the Committee, if such member is absent from two or more consecutive meetings thereof without the permission of the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) Casual vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by the Speaker and any member nominated to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for the period for which the member in whose place he is nominated would under the provision of sub-rule (2) have held office.

229B. (1) The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker from amongst the members of the Committee: Chairman
of the
Committee..

Provided that if the Deputy Speaker is a member of the Committee, he shall be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

(2) If the Chairman of the Committee is for any reason unable to act, the Speaker may similarly appoint another Chairman of the Committee in his place.

(3) If the Chairman of the Committee is absent from any meeting, the Committee shall choose another member to act as Chairman of the Committee for that meeting.

229C. (1) In order to constitute a sitting of the Committee the quorum shall be five. Quorum.

(2) If at any time fixed for any meeting of the Committee, or if at any time during any such meeting, there is no quorum the Chairman of the Committee shall either suspend the sitting until there is a quorum or adjourn the meeting to some future day.

229D. (1) All questions at any sitting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. Voting in
Committee.

(2) In the case of an equality of votes on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

229E. The sittings of the Committee shall be held on such days and at such hour as the Chairman of the Committee may fix: Sittings of
Committee.

Provided that if the Chairman of the Committee is not readily available, the Secretary may fix the date and time of a sitting.

229F. The functions of the Committee shall be:— Functions
of the
Committee.

(i) to consider all applications from members for leave of absence from the sittings of the House, and

(ii) to examine every case where a member has been absent for a period of sixty days or more, without permission from the sittings of the House and **to report whether the absence should be condoned or circumstances of the case justify that the House should declare the seat of the member vacant.**

229G. The Report shall be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee, or in his absence, by any member of the Committee so authorised by the Committee. Signing of
Report.

Presentation of Report 229H. The Report of the Committee shall be presented to the House by the Chairman or in his absence by any member of the Committee.

Consideration of Report. 229I. (1) After the report has been presented, the Chairman or any member of the Committee or any other member may move that the report be taken into consideration whereupon the Speaker may put the question to the House.

(2) Before putting the question to the House, the Speaker may permit a debate on the motion, not exceeding half an hour in duration, and such debate shall not refer to the details of the report further than is necessary to make out a case for the consideration of the report by the House.

(3) After the motion made under sub-rule (1) is agreed to, the Chairman or any member of the Committee or any other member, as the case may be, may move that the House agrees, or disagrees or agrees with amendment with the recommendations contained in the report:

Provided that no motion may be moved in respect of a report where the Committee has recommended that the leave of absence be granted to the member or the absence be condoned.

Regulation of Procedure. 229J. The Speaker may issue such directions as he may consider necessary for regulating the procedure connected with the consideration of any question before the Committee.

Provisions applicable in other respects. 229K. In other respects, the rules applicable to a Parliamentary Committee provided for in Chapter XX of these rules shall apply."

39. *Rules 234A to 234E.*—After rule 234 in Chapter XIX the following rules 234A to 234E shall be inserted under a new Chapter XIXA, namely:—

"CHAPTER XIXA

SECRET SITTING OF THE HOUSE

Secret Sitting. 234A. (1) On a request made by the Leader of the House the Speaker shall fix a day or part thereof for sitting of the House in Secret.

(2) When the House sits in Secret no stranger shall be permitted to be present in the Chamber, Lobby or Galleries:

Provided that members of the Council may be present in their Galleries:

Provided further that persons authorised by the Speaker may be present in the Chamber, Lobby or Galleries.

Report of the proceedings. 234B. The Speaker may cause a report of the proceedings of a Secret sitting to be issued in such manner as he thinks fit, but no other person present shall keep a note or record of any proceedings or decisions of a Secret sitting, whether in part or full, or issue any report of, or purport to describe, such proceedings.

234C. The procedure in all other respects in connection with a Secret sitting shall be in accordance with such directions as the Speaker may give.

Procedure in other respects.

234D. (1) When it is considered that the necessity for maintaining secrecy in regard to the proceedings of a Secret sitting has ceased to exist and subject to the consent of the Speaker a motion may be moved by the Leader of the House or any member authorised by him that the proceedings in the House during a Secret sitting be no longer treated as secret.

Lifting ban of Secrecy.

(2) On adoption by the House of the motion under sub-rule (1), the Secretary shall cause to be prepared a report of the proceedings of the Secret sitting, and shall, as soon as practicable, publish it in such form and manner as the Speaker may direct.

234E. Subject to the provisions of rule 234D of these rules, disclosure of proceedings or decisions of a Secret sitting by any person in any manner shall be treated as a gross breach of privilege of the House."

Disclosure of proceedings or decisions treated as breach of privilege of the House.

40. Rule 242A.—After rule 242 the following shall be inserted as rule 242A and the existing rule 242A shall be re-numbered as 242B, namely:

"242A. A motion that the policy or situation or statement or any other matter be taken into consideration shall not be put to the vote of the House, but the House shall proceed to discuss such matter immediately after the mover has concluded his speech and no further question shall be put at the conclusion of the debate at the appointed hour unless a member moves a substantive motion in appropriate terms to be approved by the Speaker and the vote of the House shall be taken on such motion."

Motion that the policy or situation or statement etc. be taken into consideration.

41. Rule 249A.—The following shall be inserted as rule 249A and existing rule 249A shall be re-numbered as 249B, namely:

"249A. No allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature shall be made by a member against any person unless the member has given previous intimation to the Speaker and also to the Minister concerned so that the Minister may be able to make an investigation into the matter for the purpose of reply:

Procedure regarding allegation against a person.

Provided that the Speaker may at any time prohibit any member from making any such allegation if he is of opinion that such allegation is derogatory to the dignity of the House or that no public interest is served by making such allegation."

42. Rule 249B.—For rule 249B as so re-numbered, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Restriction
in quoting
speeches
made in
Council.

“249B. No speech made in the Council shall be quoted in the House unless it is a definite statement of policy by a Minister:

Provided that the Speaker may on a request being made to him in advance give permission to a member to quote a speech or make reference to the proceedings in the Council if the Speaker thinks that such a course is necessary in order to enable the member to develop a point of privilege or procedure.”

43. Rule 254A.—After rule 254, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“Address by Speaker

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254A. The Speaker may himself, or on a point being raised or a request made by a member, address the House at any time on a matter under consideration in the House with a view to aid members in their deliberations, and such expression of views shall not be taken to be in the nature of a decision.”

44. Rule 262A.—After rule 262, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“Procedure when a Minister discloses source of advice or opinion given to him

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262A. If, in answer to a question or during debate, a Minister discloses the advice or opinion given to him by any officer of the Government or by any other person or authority, he shall ordinarily lay the relevant document or parts of document containing that opinion or advice, or a summary thereof on the Table of the House.”

45. Rules 262B to 262G.—After rule 262A the following rules 262B to 262G shall be inserted, namely:—

“Regulation, rule etc. framed in pursuance of the Constitution or of the Legislative functions delegated by Parliament laid on the Table

Laying of
Regulation,
rule etc.
on the Table
of the House.

262B. (1) Where a regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. framed in pursuance of the Constitution or of the legislative functions delegated by Parliament to a subordinate authority is laid before the House, the period specified in the Constitution or the relevant Act for which it is required to be laid shall be completed before the House is adjourned *sine die* and later prorogued unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or the relevant Act.

(2) Where the specified period is not so completed, the regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. shall be re-laid in the succeeding session or sessions until the said period is completed in one session.

262C. The Speaker shall, in consultation with the Leader of the House, fix a day or days or part of a day as he may think fit for the consideration and passing of an amendment to such regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. of which notice may be given by a member:

Alotment of time for discussion of amendment.

Provided that notice of the amendment shall be in such form as the Speaker may consider appropriate and shall comply with these rules.

262D. After an amendment is passed by the House, it shall be transmitted to the Council for its concurrence and on receipt of a message from the Council agreeing to the amendment, it shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Minister concerned. The regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. as amended shall then be placed on the Table of the House.

Transmission of amendment to Council.

262E. If the Council disagrees with the amendment passed by the House or agrees subject to a further amendment thereof or proposes an amendment in substitution thereof, the House may either drop the amendment or agree with the Council in the proposed amendment or insist on the original amendment passed by the House. A message in either case shall be sent to the Council and in case the House agrees to the amendment as further amended by the Council the amended amendment shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Minister concerned.

Amendment returned by the Council.

262F. If the Council agrees to the original amendment passed by the House, it shall be sent by the Secretary to the Minister concerned, but if the Council disagrees or insists on an amendment to which the House has not agreed, the Houses shall be deemed to have finally disagreed, and all further proceedings thereon shall be dropped.

Disagreement between Houses.

262G. If a regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. is modified in accordance with the amendment passed by the House, the amended regulation, rule, sub-rule, bye-law etc. shall be laid on the Table of the House."

Regulation, rule etc. as amended to be laid on the Table of the House.

46. Rule 263A.—After rule 263, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"263A. A member may resign his seat from a Committee by writing under his hand, addressed to the Speaker."

Resignation of a Member from Committee.

47. Rule 283A.—The following shall be inserted as rule 283A and the existing rule 283A shall be re-numbered accordingly:—

"283A. The Speaker may, on a request being made to him and when the House is not in session, order the printing, publication or circulation of a report of a Committee although it has not been presented to the House. In that case the report shall be presented to the House during its next session at the first convenient opportunity."

Printing, publication or circulation of Report prior to its presentation to the House.

48. *Rule 291.*—For rule 291, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Points of order and decisions thereon.

“291. (1) A point of order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of these rules or such articles of the Constitution as regulate the business of the House and shall raise a question which is within the cognizance of the Speaker.

(2) A point of order may be raised in relation to the business before the House at the moment:

Provided that the Speaker may permit a member to raise a point of order during the interval between the termination of one item of business and the commencement of another if it relates to maintenance of order in or arrangement of business before the House.

(3) Subject to conditions referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule a member may formulate a point of order and the Speaker shall decide whether the point raised is a point of order and if so give his decision thereon, which shall be final.

(4) No debate shall be allowed on a point of order, but the Speaker may, if he thinks fit, hear members before giving his decision.

(5) A point of order is not a point of privilege.

(6) A member shall not raise a point of order—

(a) to ask for information, or

(b) to explain his position, or

(c) when a question on any motion is being put to the House, or

(d) which may be hypothetical, or

(e) that division bells did not ring or were not heard.

49. *Rule 291A.*—After rule 291, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

Raising of a matter which is not a point of order.

“291A. A member who wishes to bring to the notice of the House any matter which is not a point of order shall give notice to the Secretary in writing stating briefly the point which he wishes to raise in the House together with reasons for wishing to raise it and shall be permitted to raise it only after the Speaker has given his consent and at such time and date as the Speaker may fix.”

50. *Schedule.*—For the First Schedule the following Schedules shall be substituted and the existing Second Schedule shall be re-numbered accordingly, namely:—

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF PETITION

(See rule 157G)

To

HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Whereas

is now under the consideration of the House the humble petition of

(Here insert name and designation or description of petitioner or petitioners in concise form, e.g., "A. B. and others" or "the inhabitants of " or "the municipality of " etc.)

sheweth

(Here insert concise statement of case)

and accordingly your petitioner (or petitioners) pray(s) that

(Here insert "that the Bill be or be not proceeded with" or "that special provision be made in the Bill to meet the case of your petitioner" or any other appropriate prayer regarding the Bill or matter before the House.)

and your petitioner(s) as in duty bound will ever pray.

Name of petitioner	Address	Signature or thumb impression

Countersignature of Member presenting.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM OF REPORT ON PETITION BY SECRETARY

(See rule 157M)

Sir, under Rule of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House of the People, I have to report that..... petitions as per statement laid on the Table have been received relating to (in case of Bills) the Bill to provide..... which was introduced in the House on the 19 , by Shri.....

Statement

Petitions relating to (Bill) to provide for
..... which was introduced in the House on the
..... 19

Number of Signatories	District or town	State

By order of the Speaker,
M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.